

REMARKS

Consideration and entry of this amendment are respectfully requested.

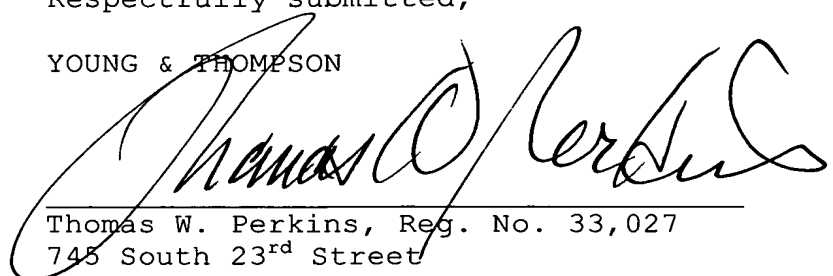
The amendment changes the "interconnecting metal elements" in claims 26 and 35 to "interconnecting elements." This change is not believed to require further consideration and/or search and is intended solely to bring these claims into conformance with the method of claim 1, which does not have "metal" interconnects (for example, note that the last paragraph of claim 1 refers only to mechanical and/or electrical interconnects). The "metal" interconnects were not raised in the applicant's previous responses and are not believed to be significant to patentability of the devices defined in claims 26 and 35. This change is also consistent with the specification at page 9, line 16 through page 10, line 13, for example.

The present amendment does not change the allowability of the present application and its consideration and entry are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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